(d) the reasons why Government transferred Mr. N. R. Wasan, CBI Deputy Director and an important member of the Special Investigation Team probing the Bofors case (vide Business standard, 4th July, 1997), in violation of the P.Ms. word not to transfer any CBI Officer after Shri Joginder Singh; and

(e) whether it is in continuation of the efforts to abort the Bofors inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, no comments on the news item can be offered as the case is still under investigation.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) &(b) above.

(d) Shri N. R. Wasan is still supervising RC. 1 (A)/90-ACU.IV (Bofors case).

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Pay Commission's recommendation regarding restoration of communication of pension

2589. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fifth Central Pay Commission has recommended restoration of period of communication of pension from 15 years to 12 years;

(b) whether the rule of restoration of pension after 12 years is being followed in many States; and

(c) if so the reasons for not agreeing to the recommendations of the Pay Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter relating to State Covernment pensioners in the concern of the State Government and in some States the commuted portion is restored before the period of 15 years is over.

(c) The period of 15 years is based on Supreme Court Judgement as it was considered that the commuted value paid in lumpsum together with the national interest on the said amount gets, by and large, adjusted in that period. If the quantum of commutation gets increased as separately recommended by the Pay Commission, there appears to be no need to reduce the said period

Pay Commission's recommendation regarding voluntary retirement

2590. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fifth Central Pay Commission has recommended that voluntary retirement can be given to an employee even before completion of 20 years of service; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not agreeing to the recommendation keeping in view heavy burden on the exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise